DOCTOR TALK

By Benjamin B. Blackmon, D. D.

Fungus infections of the skin are probably the most common form of skin disease seen in the general public. I am sure everyone has at some time or another encountered this type of infection.

Dermatophytosis pedis, athlete's foot, can be frequently found in people of all ages, regardless of occupation, social position or activity. This infection usually begins as a slight fissure, or crack, between the fourth and fifth toes, which itches severely.

Another variety of this fungus begins usually as a small blister found on the bottom of the feet. After the blister ruptures a raw area remains which may be extremely irritating, and at times may become seriously infected secondarily by bacteria.

Some very stubborn infections on the scalp are detected in school children occasionally. This type mycotic involvement should be isolated from the other group of children, even if only by means of wearing a cap at all times, at least until the infection has been controlled.

This is a very bothersome and tenacious strain, and complete eradication is very difficult and prolonged. Usually each individual hair particle has to be plucked from an affected area on the scalp, followed by specific medication to this area.

Sometimes the fingernails become chronically infected with one of a variety of strains of fungi. Unfortunately when the nail beds become involved, the process is well established, and the infection is extremely difficult to remove. The patient has to treat this situation diligently and faithfully daily, under the direction of his physician for a month, in order to bring about a successful cure.

Ringworms or localized fungus infections may be found anywhere over the body surface. These can be treated successfully, and usually very rapidly, by the application of a specific fungicidal ointment. However, the eczematoid or spreading type of infection may require more elaborate applications, such as compresses, in order to be brought successfully under control.

Though fungus infections are not usually serious, they may develop into a very debilitating state requiring a prolonged course of treatment if they are not attended to at the earliest opportunity.

EWES NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION AT LAMBING

Ewes due to lamb within the next month need some special attention now, says Geoge A. Allen, Jr., associate animal husbandman at VPI.

He warns that ewes which lose weight during late pregnancy are subject to lambing paralysis, and under-nourished ewes may produce weak lambs, have too little milk, or may even disown their offspring.

The best insurance against these troubles is to feed a small amount of grain and hay before lambing. If ewes have access to little or no pasture, 1/2 pound of grain and 3 pounds of legume hay should be fed, beginning one month before the lambs are due. If the ewes are on good quality permanent or winter pasture, 1/4 pounds of grain and a little hay daily beginning 2 or 3 weeks before lambing should be enough.

Housing is important. Ewes that get wet or have to be out in bad weather during the last month of pregnancy may have weak or dead lambs. The ewes should not have to pus through deep mud, jump ditches, or enter the barn through narrow doors or over high sills.

Exercise is also important, and ewes on pasture will get plenty. During deep snows, or when ewes are penned, provide exercise by driving the mone-half mile each day.

Allen also advises sorting and separating late lambing ewes, to save time, feed, and barn space.

A little extra time and attention before and during lambing time will pay off in a larger and more profitable lamb crop.

TURKEYS AMPLE

There will be plenty of poults to result in a sizeable increase in turkey numbers in 1959, unless breeder hen owners' change their minds about the number of hens they plan to keep. Poult prices may decline slightly in 1959.

Virginia turkey breeder hen owners report intentions of keeping about 25% more heavy white breeder hens, 35% fewer bronze and other heavy breeder hens, and 30% more light breeder hens than at the beginning of the 1958 season. Turkey breeder hen owners in 15 of the most important states expect to hold about 7% more heavy breed hens and 38% more light breed hens.

Holiday supplies this season will be ample to meet demand. There is little chance for the usual seasonal rise in prices, except for superior weight and finish.

With the introduction of turkey parts, turkey rolls and loafs, and other methods of selling less-than-whole turkeys, per capita consumption may increase in 1959. Lower retail prices will also favor increased consumption.

Production efficiency will continue to be stressed next year. The current high rate of mortality will be reduced somewhat by contractors requiring growers to give closer supervision than in past years. Confinement rearing may increase.

Vera

Vera, Dec. 14.- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John 1: 9.

Everybody is busy getting ready for the greatest of all days, the birth of Christ.

We are having real winter weather, but it's time for cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb and Bonnie and Mr. Walker Webb visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Marvey on Monday night.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday night.

Homemakers Items

Children not only enjoy making Christmas decorations, but feel that they have contributed something to the holiday activities.

Extension officials suggest letting the children make popcorn and cranberry strings. Be sure to use a darning needle with a large enough eye for nylon yarn but not so big that it will break the popcorn. Nylon yarn works especially well for the string because it is almost impossible to break. If your popcorn is brittle, steaming it a few minutes will keep it soft.

Two hints for making popcorn strings — let the children work on a table or floor covered with newspapers or a large plastic sheet, and don't use greasy popcorn.

Foil is useful for making tree decorations. Crush it into a ball and then attach sequins, beads, or other small decorations with straight pins. Fasten a bright ribbon to the ball and tie it to the tree.

A foil ring is another pretty ornament. Using scissors or a saw-tooth knife, cut the cardboard tube from the center of the foil. Roll into 1-2 or one-inch rings. Then wrap the rings with foil and tie them on the tree. Or tape several rings together in designs.

Short of cash? Look around the house, even in the rag bag, for gift ideas, suggest Extension officials.

Gifts for a child, easily and inexpensively made at home, include:

Stick horses made from a broom stick. The head can be made from an old felt hat or heavy material.

Stuffed toys — sock dolls or animals.

Doll furniture. A cute little cradle can be made from an oatmeal box split lengthwise.

Bibs, play aprons, etc. Try your textile painting skill in decorating T-shirts and other articles of clothing.

Rag books made from solid pieces of material. Stitch together like pages in a book. Paste favorite pictures or textile paint animals on each sheet.

Nest of cans for tiny tots. Paint tin cans that will fit inside each other.

Gifts for a person who travels include:

Shoe bags made from gingham or plastic. If you like to crochet or knit, knitted bags are nice.

Sewing kits made from old felt hats or a small piece of leather. Attach various threads, needles, pins, snaps, and a small pair of scissors.

Soft scuffs made from felt, terry cloth, or soft leather.

Individual cases of plastic, bound with tape, for flowers, underwear, and stockings.

Gifts for a city family might include:

Nuts, plum pudding, preserves, and various foods, attractively packaged.

Large sprays of greens or pine cones for decorating.

A load of wood for the fireplace.

Or for someone who likes to cook, consider making:

Aprons of all kinds. Decorate with textile paints or bands of brightly colored tape.

Recipe box. Decorate a cigar, a soap or heavy box of any kind.

A cook book jacket made from oil cloth or plastic.

Herb bouquets. If you grow herbs these are fun to make. Take cheese cloth squares and tie up dried herbs — just enough for a pot of soup or a mixture of salad dressing.

The experts suggest having a family gift-making project. Even the children can join in the fun and the gifts are something special.

HEROIC NEWSBOY

Dallas.- Newspaper carrier Bruce Snockey, 14, turned down a $15 reward for routing a sleeping family from their burning house.

He was delivering copies of the Dallas News about 5 A. M. one morning recently when he spotted smoke surging from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Heil and their two children. They fled unhurt after Bruce's pounding on the door wakened Mrs. Heil.

"I looked at the burned house and decided they need the money worse than I did," Bruce said.

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...and Webb 4-H Club

...and Webb 4-H Club ...on Dec. 12. Randy ...Mrs. Webb's 4-H Club ...meeting. There were 17 ...present. Frances Reaves ...demonstration on quail. A ...recipe deer was shown.

...drive carefully.

JUNIOR CLASS HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Junior Class had its Christmas party in the high school cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 19. At this time Bill Caldwell, the vice-president, presented each class sponsor with a Christmas gift. The sponsors are Miss Harriett Holley, Mrs. Ivey Holland, Mrs. Wiley Morris, and Mr. C. A. Wilson.

The class had $15.00 left from the party, and this money was sent to CARE.

A classmate, Michael Srougi, from Beirut, Lebanon, made a Nativity Scene in Mrs. Morris' classroom. It was made like those in his own country. He started by covering a large wooden box (constructed by some boys in the shop) with brown paper to form a cave. Inside this cave he placed the manger scene, and on top of the cave he placed two angels and several small sheep. He said that in his country many people made these scenes and that most of them were larger than the one he made here. Michael also told that usually a light was placed inside to illuminate the cave and that sometime a small red light was used to give the appearance of a fire.

—Charles Gills, Reporter.

Here's How

Winning a million bucks at the horse tracks is now within the realm of the possible, if you're a horse.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Schools to re-open next Monday, after Christmas holidays.

...gsters Get Thrills On Shopping Tour

By Rachel F. Lawson

...Spirit was in full ...day when 38 boys and ...ing each elementary ...the county school, were ...Appomattox Jaycees ...movie, and a sup... highlighted by a ...

...and excited little guests ...up at their respective ...and Jaycette mem... ...night to the Lee Theatre ...for a movie. They were ...to the social room ...Baptist Church and en... ...delicious meal of Wein... ...sauerkraut with all of ...fixings. Their expectations were ...and it was proven ...when ...consumed eight ...a portion of his meal. ...was given $6.00 with ...buy gifts, and ...spend $1.00 of this amount for personal use. They shopped in pairs and were chaperoned by either a Jaycee or a Jaycette. The chaparones were amazed at the splendid judgment displayed by these children, who had never before had this amount of money to spend. "They were most unselfish and invariably their first purchase thought was to buy 'Mama' a gift," said one of the chaparones.

One little boy decided to invest in a lone cup and saucer. He was asked why just one, and his reply was , "Mama is the only one who drinks coffee at our house." Later, the same shopper decided to purchase two additional cups and saucers and was asked why he changed his mind. His quick reply was, "What are we going to do when company comes!" That's true hospitality, thought the escort, and approved the purchase.

Guns and holsters were the most popular toys bought by the boys and the girls, being more practical, bought clothes. One small boy bought for his personal gift a bill fold, and then discovered he had no money to conceal in it. A lady shopper in the store gave him a fifty-cent piece, and he said, "Oh boy, what a big nickle."

The small and amateur shoppers were later carried back to the church, where they sang Christmas Carols and were greeted by a real Santa, who distributed candy, fruit and nuts. The weary but happy children were carried to their homes by the Jaycees.

This shopping tour is an annual, worthwhile project of the Jaycees, who are assisted by members of the Junior Woman's Club and Jaycettes. The money to finance the tour is raised through a Country Music Contest and contributions by business places in the county and in Lynchburg.

SCHOOL WINNERS IN POSTER CONTEST

The Appomattox Grade School pupils entered the poster contest, "Keep Virginia Green." This is sponsored b y Virginia Forests, Inc., of Virginia. One hundred and forty-three entered the contest, out of the 472 pupils enrolled.

Messrs. Ivey Holland, Ed Dickerson and Joe Terry judged the posters.

The following were the winners in each room:

7th grade: Carson— 1st, Claude D. Byers; 2nd, Claude D. Byers; 3rd, Wendall Maddox.

7th grade: Hesson— 1st, Jane Stanley; 2nd, Jane Wilson; 3rd, T. C. Torrence.

6th grade: Evans— 1st, Carolyn Hall; 2nd, Grey Hesson; 3rd, Susan Nell O'Brien.

6th grade: Furbush— 1st, Becky Barger; 2nd, Grey Holland; 3rd, Dale Doss.

5th grade: Cunningham— 1st, Danny Herncall; 2nd, Charles Blackwell; 3rd, James Cyrus.

5th grade: Ligon— 1st, Nancy Cheatham; 2nd, Harry Franklin; 3rd, Warren Mays.

5th grade: Cyrus: 1st, Delly O'Brien; 2nd, Marie Maddox; 3rd, Betty Maddox.

4th grade: Cyrus— 1st, Alvin Franklin; 2nd, Cecil Nash; 3rd, Nancy Baldwin.

4th grade: Martin— 1st, Rose Evans; 2nd, Dennis Flynn; 3rd, Dennis Flynn.

4th grade: Burkey— 1st, Roy Byers; 2nd, Joyce Carter; 3rd, Elaine Ferguson.

3rd grade: Burkey— 1st, Ricky Gallier; 2nd, Pat Tibbs; 3rd, Benny Cole.

3rd grade: Inge— 1st, Michael George; 2nd, John Maddox; 3rd, Sarah Lane.

Decline in Road Fatalities For Appomattox Area

A marked decline in traffic fatalities has been noted as the 1958 approaches an end. Appomattox County has had four traffic fatalities, so far this year, Area 15, of the Virginia Police Division, consisting of the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland and Prince Edward, has cut fatalities in half, with eight thus far in 1958, compared with sixteen during 1957. This four-county area is under the territory covered by Lt. L. L. Stanley, of the State Police, and under Division III, with headquarters at Appomattox, the entire Division under Captain W. W. Blythe.

The Virginia record at the moment as we go to press is 818 traffic deaths, in 1958, as against 883 at the same date in 1957.

The four 1958 highway deaths in Appomattox county were:

Jan. 10, a truck collision on U. S. 460, 6.10 miles west of Appomattox, resulting in the deaths of Robert L. Couch and Henry L. Barnett.

August 22: Earl Barbary Grisham, one mile north of Concord, Route 608.

Sept. 11: Norman Turner, school bus driver, at intersection of U. S. 460 and 648, Spout Spring.

For Captain Blythe's Division, the record to date is: 125 deaths in 1958, as against 158 in 1957. This Division covers twenty counties.

Club Is Seeking Outstanding Farmer

Any person in the community knowing an area outstanding young farmer was asked today by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce to nominate him for possible awards and recognition as the Jaycee-sponsored Outstanding Young Farmer project, got underway.

Nomination forms are now available from Jaycee officers, and at these locations: Appomattox Post Office, and Appomattox Truck & Tractor, and Marshall's Department Store.

The "farmer" search is aimed at honoring the community agriculturalist who have made exceptional career progress without neglecting good conservation practices or responsible roles in community life. Jaycees also hope that a better understanding of the farmer and his problems will result — and that more young people will become interested in farming as a lifetime career.

All farmers, aged 21-26, are eligible for nomination. Nominees may be land owners or renters. The local search is part of a nation-wide effort now taking place in some 1,500 American communities.

After community judging, Jaycees will enter Appomattox's winner in the state finals. He will be eligible to represent the state in national competition and may win an all-expense trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next April. Four outstanding Young Farmers of 1958 will be selected and honored.

A five dollar cash prize awaits the first nomination of the winner. This will be determined by the postmark on the nomination blank. So, mail it today to E. M. Drinkard, of Route 3, Appomattox. Chairman of the Outstanding Young Farmer's Project.

Deadline for local nominations is January 10, 1959, according to E. M. Drinkard, and he added, "We hope to be deluged with nominations, for Appomattox certainly has its share of exceptional farmers."

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H Club

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H Club met on Dec. 12. There was a demonstration and two talks. One was on a rabbit trap, and the others on bob white quail and a squirrel. Then a movie on deer was shown.

New Trooper At Pamplin

Richmond, Va.- Trooper B. V. Anderson, Virginia State Police, who has just completed a 15-week course in basic training in police work in Richmond, will report for duty in the Pamplin area.

He is a native of Haysi, Va. He graduated from Haysi High School, and his wife is the former Miss Dessi Mae Lambert, of Bee, Dickenson County.

Trooper Anderson will fill an existing vacancy.

CLUB DECORATES COUNTY COURT HOUSE

The Appomattox County Court House building has been decorated the year, through the cooperation of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Appomattox Garden Club. The pocewood wreaths, with accent of red poppies on the doors, are flanked on either side by the names of Appomattox County men who have served their country in time of war. The poppies were made by blind veterans at Keccoughtan Veterans Hospital, and since December is Rehabilitation Month in the American Legion Auxiliary, and the money realized from the sale of poppies is used for rehabilitation work, it seems appropriate that such decorations should adorn the court house for the holiday season.

BOOK REVIEW TEA

Miss Harriett E. Holley will review Harnett Kane's newest book, The Southern Christmas Story, at a Book Review Tea to be given by the Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Education Department of the Woman's Club of Appomattox, for the entire membership of the two organizations.

The Tea will be held in the social room of Liberty Baptist Church at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, December 30. All members of both organizations and their house guests are cordially invited to attend.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Robert Frost, Poet: "I don't want to run for office, but I want to be a statesman."

Norfolk Man Dies Here

A heart attack is said to have caused the death of a Norfolk man at a local motor court early Tuesday. According to reports, William Edward Seymour, 70, of Route 13, Norfolk, became ill and the motor court proprietors called in a physician. Death is said to have occurred at 3:45 A. M. The body was moved to Lynchburg.

LOCAL GIRL HONORED

Farmville, Dec. 23.- Miss Doris June Clapp, of Evergreen, has joined Pi Gamma Mu, a national honorary social science fraternity at Longwood College. The college junior is the daughter of Mr. J. A. Clapp.

Many business places will take both Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holiday.

Play safe — drive carefully.